



## April 2019

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### Next Meeting April 16<sup>th</sup>

**Jon Hammond is our guest speaker and will be doing a presentation on wildflowers AND Wine and Cheese will be served.**  
**6:00 – 6:30 Wine & Cheese**



## President's Message

It is officially spring and I am so looking forward to riding in the Bear Valley flowers. To get us in the wildflower mode, Jon Hammond will be our speaker at our April meeting. If you're familiar with Jon's columns on our local flora and fauna, you know how knowledgeable he is.

We are also hosting a Wine & Cheese party. So plan on imbibing at 6:00 – 6:30 so we have plenty of time for Jon's presentation.

On page 2, we have a goodbye message from Pam Miller, who has been doing our wonderful newsletter for so long. To have someone I have spent so much time with riding, putting on NATRC rides, as well as riding in them leaving our equestrian fold is bittersweet. Fortunately, she is staying in Bear Valley, but I will miss riding with her and Ally. Don't be a stranger, Pam!

If you notice changes in your newsletter format, well there are. I am taking over doing the newsletter so it won't be exactly like the great one Pam's been putting out all these years, so bear with me!

Hope to see you at our April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

-Peggy Bergman-Smith

**BVSHA Treasurer's Report  
Year to Date March 31, 2019**

2019 Beginning Balance	\$4,044.95
<u>General Income/Expenses - 2019</u>	
Membership Income	\$2,100.00
Ad Income	\$800.00
Misc. Income	\$65.00
Bear Tracks Ad	(\$207.00)
Equestrian Center mailbox with logo	(\$110.79)
Newsletter	(\$300.00)
PO Box	(\$135.00)
Website	(\$129.90)
Total General Income/Expenses - 2019	<u>\$2,082.31</u>
Checking Account Balance March 31, 2019	<u><u>\$6,127.26</u></u>
Bank Balance in Checking	\$6,127.26
Outstanding Checks	\$0.00
Balance in Checking Account	<u><u>\$6,127.26</u></u>
Total Savings Account	\$17,552.68
Total Checking Account	\$6,127.26
Total Funds	<u><u>\$23,679.94</u></u>



**Life Keeps Changing...**

As much as everyday seems the same, the years do not. One day you wake up and realize, day by day, things have changed. I find myself today in a much different situation than I ever imagined. I am writing this as someone who has been a member of the Horsemen since moving here over 16 years ago. As many of you know, horses, riding and participating in the club, was "my life" for many years. That changed within the past five years. My horse became unrideable and my time for riding became severely limited when I began to care for other people's animals in the valley.

I came to Bear Valley Springs in 2002 and began doing the Horsemen's newsletter shortly thereafter. At first, I did it as part of the secretary's job on the board. Then I volunteered to keep doing it when the new secretary did not want to do it. I continued doing it for several more years until I thought someone else might want to do it. Instead, the board offered to pay me if I would continue to do it. I felt grateful and appreciated, and was happy to continue. I have thoroughly enjoyed doing it and serving the Horsemen's club in this way.

It seems like the right time to initiate a change again. Since not riding, my participation in the club has steadily lessened. I feel it would be a good time to let someone else, more involved with the club, take over doing the newsletter. A new person in this position could bring new enthusiasm. By being more involved, they could, for instance take pictures at events and have a pulse on what the members of the club would like to read about.

I want to thank this board, and the many previous boards, for their support. I have fond memories of people and experiences in the Horsemen's Club. Thank you all for allowing me to give back to the club in this way for as long as you have.

Sincerely,  
Pam Miller

# March Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2019 1900 hrs.  
Equestrian Center Lounge



- A. Call to Order (7:00PM)
- B. We have a new member. Welcome Debbie Swarens.
- C. Approvals: Agenda and Financial Report – approved. Minutes, approved.
- D. Reports: Peggy provided an update on the Cumberland trail near Dart, which passes in front of a new homeowner's residence. The trail was slightly on the new owner's property and the Trail Crew moved it back onto the easement. There was some misinformation posted on Facebook this owner's dog was viscous and going after riders, which was not true. The owner saw the Facebook post and was obviously upset. Peggy reached out to the owner and everything was straightened out. There was also an issue with another homeowner who lives at the corner of Lower Valley and Rider Cup. He owns, next to his residence, a parcel of land next to where the Lower Valley Trail passes by and apparently, he at times has been verbally abusive to anyone crossing on that parcel to get to Lower Valley. He mowed some areas which made it look like a trail. Please new riders, familiarize yourself with our designated horse trails. Don't confront this individual. You have every right to be on the Lower Valley Trail, but do not cut across his property to get to Lower Valley Rd. Also discussed was a new proposal by Zack Crum, president of the BVS Cycle Club. They want to use the area within the nature path and add single track bicycle trails. In addition to this proposal, the BVS Cycle Club also wants to create single-track trails in the area of Paramount Dr. and Jacaranda. Several of us board members attended the March Recreational Committee meeting to hear this proposal, however, no one showed up to present the proposal. We then attended the April Recreational Committee meeting and the club's V.P. presented their proposal. The club took out "for now" the proposal for the upper Paramount/Jacaranda area. The committee heard the proposal with many questions from the members and those of us who attended. The committee tabled their decision until the Cycle Club comes back with more information. Such as an Environmental Study and the financial toll these single track trails will incur over time as well as the Bicycle Club's ability to monitor their use. Not to mention the harm these trails will cause to the wild life that frequent this area. Cheramy advised the Association does not have any available funds for any new amenities.
- E. Our new 1<sup>st</sup>. V.P. Doug Slavin talked about our upcoming events, the Fun Day Challenge and the Turkey Trail Trial. He encouraged all of us riders to try and ride the high country trails as much as possible (when they dry out) and make our presence known up there. We're leery about the Bicycle Clubs intentions about getting ahold of our equestrian trails that are not used often enough. Doug also reported Bear Valley Springs received approximately 5-1/2 inches of rain, so that's a good thing. The Oak Canyon Trail has held up pretty good after all that rain and is easily traversable. Debbie Swarens talked about 2019 Mule & Horse show, which the Pony Club is putting on again, and will be held here on the first weekend in August. Some new classes have been added as well as additional judges.
- F. Because of all our unpredictable weather we've been having, several of our Friday Friends Rides have been postponed or outright canceled. Watch for changes in some of our upcoming Club rides as some of those dates are changing, due to scheduling conflicts with other events.
- G. Our April 16 Meeting will be a "Wine and Cheese" party and we are having Jon Hammond as our speaker. He will be talking about the areas wild flowers. Should be a great meeting. Please come and join us for wine and a great presentation, I'm sure! We will have available at the April meeting our 2019 BVSH Directory to pass out.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

# Blast from the Past....April 2011 Ride



## March 2019 Ride Report

There were no rides in March due to the weather not cooperating with any of our dates. It's getting warmer, so let's get our ponies in shape now!

### 2019 Monthly Ride Schedule (red denotes a change was made)

April 20 **Poker Ride** and brown bag lunch

April 28 (Sunday) **Wildflower Ride** (moved to April due to scheduling conflicts)

May 5 (Sunday) **Cinco de Mayo Progressive Early Supper Ride** (Stages at my house, 29801 S Lower Valley Rd, at Skyline. I need two homes in the western valley to host a course. Please contact me if you're interested.)

June 8 **Wine Ride**

July 13 Any place with shade, it's hot! **Sycamore Canyon?**

August 10 Any place with shade, it's hot!

September 14 **Fall Progressive Dinner Ride** (start and end at the EQ Center)

October 12 **Water Canyon/High Country**

November 9 **Sycamore Canyon**

December 14 **Wine Ride**

**If any ride cancels, it will be held the following week. Check your email for updates.**

**Friends Rides** are on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays. The first one for April was cancelled due to weather and we will try again next Friday the 12<sup>th</sup>. These are informal rides and a great way to get to know each other. We often have lunch at the Market afterwards.

**Summer fun to look forward to - Full Moon Rides** June through September or whenever it's warm enough at night to enjoy this.

June 17, July 16, August 15, September 13.

**Staging:** All rides meet at the Equestrian Center, (except the Cinco de Mayo Ride), in the saddle at 11:00 until it warms up some.

**RSVP** - Please text me if you're planning on coming to any ride; 626-710-2981.

Happy trails!

Kathy Burns

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## **BVS Horsemen/Litter Loathers** **Trash Pickup Days**

**We will meet at the Police Station parking lot on Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 to clean up the area from the gate to the 202 and up Bear Valley Road to Cumberland.**



**We will meet again at the Equestrian Center parking lot on Tuesday May 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 to clean up Trails and Roadside trash in Bear Valley Springs.**

**Please join us. We will provide bags; we have some gloves and picker uppers, if you have your own, please bring them.**

**Pickups usually last between two and three hours and we will meet at the Mulligan Room after the pickup to enjoy lunch together.**

**If you have any questions, please call:**

**Laurie Rude-Betts at 559-259-3236 or  
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